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#### (U) CALIFORNIA

## (U) Los Angeles - Mexican-Made Fentanyl Causing Overdoses in Southern California

(U) From 2014 to 2019, 70-to-80% of fentanyl seized by federal authorities came from China, according to a report from the US Commission on Combating Synthetic Opioid Trafficking. Since 2019, however, production has shifted to Mexico. "These drug dealers aren't trying to kill people. They're trying to create that perfect high," said Bill Bodner, special agent in charge of the DEA's LA field office. As part of that process, dealers are putting fentanyl into fake prescription pills and other drugs, and some people aren't even aware they're taking fentanyl, Bodner said. Authorities seized 3 million counterfeit prescription pills last year, three times as many as 2020, officials said.

SOURCE: 4 April 2022, KTLA

# (U) Sacramento – Third Arrest Made in Downtown Shooting Investigation

(U) A third arrest has been made in connection to the mass shooting that left 6 dead, but Sacramento police say this person is not facing charges directly related to the shootings. Sacramento police say Daviyonne Dawson, 31, has been arrested and is facing charges of being a prohibited person in possession of a firearm. Detectives are following up on information about a man reportedly seen carrying a gun in the immediate aftermath of the mass shooting. A handgun has since been recovered, but detectives do not believe the weapon was used in the shooting. Dawson joins Dandrae Martin, 26, and Smiley Martin, 27, as the three people now facing charges after the shooting. SOURCE: 5 April 2022, CBS Sacramento

# (U) South Gate - Man Shot and Killed on 710 Freeway

(U) A man who was wounded after being shot on the 710 Freeway in South Gate overnight has died, officials said. The victim called 911 around 12:30 a.m. yesterday reporting he had been shot on the northbound lanes of the freeway near the Firestone Boulevard exit. Arriving California Highway Patrol (CHP) officers found the victim's vehicle riddled with bullets, and he was taken to a hospital for his injuries sustained in the shooting. He was alert and talking with police upon transport. However, officials say he died at the hospital hours later. A description of the suspect or suspect's vehicle was not available.

SOURCE: 5 April 2022, Fox11

# (U) Tulare - Child Hospitalized After Coming into Contact with Drug Needle on Field

(U) A Tulare little leaguer was sent to the hospital after coming in contact with a drug needle found on a playing field, said a release from the Tulare Baseball Association. The incident occurred at Centennial Park on J Street near Prosperity Avenue in Tulare. Officials say children as young as four-years old play on the field, which is neighbored by Tulare's Boys and Girls Club, an organization that hosts after-school activities. Parents were notified by the Tulare Baseball Association that a child had been hospitalized after finding a needle on the baseball field and being poked with it.

SOURCE: 5 April 2022, CBS47

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#### (U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

#### (U) Texas – Officers Seize More Than \$600K in Narcotics

(U) Eagle Pass – US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Office of Field Operations (OFO) officers seized narcotics valued at more than \$600K when they encountered a tractor trailer hauling shipment of copper tubes from Mexico driven by an adult male Mexican citizen. The tractor and the shipment were referred for a canine and non-intrusive inspection system examination, resulting in the discovery of ten packages containing 23.8-pounds of alleged methamphetamine and ten packages containing 25.6-pounds of alleged cocaine within the sleeper area of the cab. The narcotics have an estimated street value of \$673,733.

SOURCE: 5 April 2022, CBP

#### (U) NATIONAL

#### (U) District of Columbia - Police Give 'All Clear' After Suspicious Package Found at Supreme Court

(U) Washington – The US Capitol Police gave the "all clear" after responding to a suspicious package at the US Supreme Court. A statement said staff and other personnel were directed to avoid the area, and road closures were in effect as Capitol Police investigated. The area has reopened, and any associated road closures will clear momentarily, the Capitol Police said in a statement.

SOURCE: 5 April 2022, Washington Examiner

#### (U) Pennsylvania – High School Student Injured in On-Campus Shooting; Suspect at Large

(U) Erie – A student at Erie High School in Pennsylvania was injured in an on-campus shooting, authorities said, and a suspect was still at large. The victim was hospitalized with non-life-threatening wounds and had been stabilized, police said at a news conference. Detectives believe they have identified the shooter, a juvenile younger than 15 whose name was withheld, and officers were trying to track the person down. "We've identified a suspect and we've consulted with the district attorney's office and the Erie school district," Erie Police Deputy Chief Michael Nolan said. The shooter and the victim know each other, and the attack was not random, Nolan said.

SOURCE: 5 April 2022, NBC News

#### (U) Texas – Man Shot After Running Over Worker, Stabbing Another

(U) Dallas – Officers shot and wounded a man when he charged at them with a knife after he killed a construction worker with the worker's own stolen truck, crashed into the lobby of a Houston high-rise and then stabbed someone else, police said. The suspect carjacked the 59-year-old construction worker's truck shortly before 3:30 a.m. on 5 April, police said. As the victim was walking to the office of the luxury apartment building west of downtown where he had been working, the suspect ran him over and then crashed into the lobby of the building, police Chief Troy Finner said.

SOURCE: 5 April 2022, CBS11

#### (U) INTERNATIONAL

# (U) Germany – Investigators Shut Down Darknet Platform Specializing in Drugs

(U) Berlin – German investigators shut down a Russian-language darknet marketplace that they say specialized in drug dealing, seizing bitcoin worth 23 million euros (\$25.3 million). Prosecutors in Frankfurt described the "Hydra Market" platform as the world's biggest illegal darknet marketplace. The Hydra platform had been active at least since 2015, German prosecutors said. They added that, as well

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as illegal drugs, forged documents, intercepted data and "digital services" were offered for sale. They said that it had about 17 million registered customer accounts and more than 19,000 registered sellers. SOURCE: 5 April 2022, <u>AP News</u>

# (U) Iran – Stabbing Attack Leaves One Dead, Two Injured at Holy Shrine

(U) Tehran – An assailant stabbed three clerics at the Imam Reza shrine, a major pilgrimage site for Shiite Muslims in Iran's holy northeast city of Mashhad, according to Iranian state-run media, killing one and injuring two before he was arrested. Mashhad prosecutor Mohammad Hossein Darroudi described the assailant as a foreign national, without elaborating. He said four other suspects were arrested in connection with the case. The motive for the attack remained unclear.

SOURCE: 5 April 2022, The Washington Post

#### (U) Israel – Israeli Firm's Spyware Used on Jordanian Activists, Report Says

(U) Jerusalem – Digital-rights researchers have concluded that the mobile phones of four Jordanian human rights activists were hacked over a two-year period with software made by the Israeli spyware company NSO Group. The findings by Front Line Defenders and Citizen Lab said at least some of the hackings appear to have been carried out by the Jordanian government. It was the latest in a series of reports linking NSO's Pegasus spyware software to abuses by authoritarian governments. SOURCE: 5 April 2022, <u>ABC News</u>

# (U) Peru – President Imposes Curfew in Response to Protests Over Rising Prices

(U) Lima – Peru's capital city and main port were under a tight curfew decreed by President Pedro Castillo in response to sometimes violent protests over rising prices of fuel and food. The surprise curfew left major highways and street markets almost deserted and Peruvians struggling to find ways to get to work. Troops joined police in the streets under terms of a state of emergency that restricts rights to movement and gatherings and against arbitrary searches. The curfew exempted essential services such as food markets, pharmacies, clinics, and trash collection.

SOURCE: 5 April 2022, The San Diego Union Tribune

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